MEDIA STATEMENT

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SANTACO NATIONAL LEADERSHIP ENGAGES WESTERN CAPE STRUCTURES AMID TAXI INDUSTRY VIOLENCE.

A delegation of the South African National Taxi Council (SANTACO) National Office, led by National President Mr Abnar Tsebe, is in the Western Cape today to engage with the provincial SANTACO leadership, as well as the leadership of the Cape Organisation for the Democratic Taxi Association (CODETA) and the Cape Amalgamated Taxi Association (CATA), respectively.

The engagements come against the backdrop of deeply concerning incidents of violence in the province and the tragic loss of lives reportedly associated with the ongoing tensions. The National Office views these developments with grave concern and believes that every effort must be made to restore calm, protect lives and safeguard the interests of commuters, operators and the broader public.

The delegation intends to listen to all parties, gain a clearer understanding of the issues underlying the tensions and collectively explore practical and sustainable solutions towards lasting peace. SANTACO maintains that disagreements within the industry must be resolved through constructive engagement, established organisational processes and lawful mechanisms, rather than violence and intimidation. The protection of human life must remain paramount. No route, operating interest or organisational disagreement should ever cost a person their life or compromise the safety of innocent commuters and communities.

The National Office is approaching these engagements in a spirit of dialogue, responsibility and unity, with the hope of facilitating meaningful progress towards restoring stability in the Western Cape taxi industry. The media will be updated on the outcomes and key developments following the conclusion of all scheduled engagements.

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